



## NEWS RELEASE Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford

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## **County Partners to Offer Free Wood Chipping Services**

**SAN BERNARDINO**—County, state, and local agencies are partnering to provide free wood chipping in response to the Thanksgiving holiday storm that downed numerous trees and branches and left hundreds without power for days.

"Our goal is to make it as easy and convenient as possible for residents to clean up the mess left behind by the storm," said Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who suggested the County offer the service during her comments at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is working with San Bernardino County Public Works, and CAL FIRE to provide free wood chipping services. The following are drop-off locations and times:

Lytle Creek | 12/14/19 | 9am-3pm Fire Station 20, 497 Lytle Creek Rd.

**Forest Falls | Beginning on 12/16/19** Curbside chipping will be available every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the work is complete. Residents may stack their debris near the curb to have it chipped, as crews are available.

Crestline | 12/21/19 & 12/28/19 | 9am-3pm North parking lot at Lake Gregory

Lake Arrowhead | 12/22/19 & 12/29/19 | 9am-3pm Rim of the World High School parking lot, 27400 CA-18, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Residents from the Crestline and Lake Arrowhead areas can contact the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council to arrange for wood debris pickups. Requests can be submitted at <a href="www.FreeChipping.org">www.FreeChipping.org</a>. Property owners must submit requests by 12/20 for the weekend of 12/21 and 12/22, and requests must be submitted by 12/27 for the 12/28 and 12/29 weekend. The Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council is searching for opportunities to offer pickup service for the Running Springs, Arrowbear, and Green Valley Lake areas.

Wood chips are available free of charge for resident's flower beds, gardens, and yards at Fire Station 20 in Lytle Creek and Fire Station 99 in Forest Falls until January 31, 2020. Contact Crestline Fire Station 25 at (909) 338-0625 or Lake Arrowhead Fire Station 91 at (909) 336-0660 for more information about the chipping services.